

22 RSK correspondences and Schur functions

22.1 The Cauchy identity

A *partition* is a sequence $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots)$ of elements of $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ such that $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots$ and there exists $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ with $\lambda_\ell > 0$ and $\lambda_{\ell+1} = 0$. The *length* of λ is $\ell(\lambda) = \ell$.

Let $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ and let $M_{n \times m}(\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0})$ be the set of $n \times m$ matrices with entries from $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$. For a partition λ define

$$B_n(\lambda) = \{\text{SSYTs } P \text{ of shape } \lambda \text{ filled from } \{1, \dots, n\}\}.$$

If $\ell(\lambda) > n$ then $B_n(\lambda) = \emptyset$. The *RSK correspondence* is

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{the bijection} & M_{n \times m}(\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}) & \longleftrightarrow \bigsqcup_{\lambda} B_n(\lambda) \otimes B_m(\lambda) \\ & A & \mapsto (P, Q) \end{array} \quad \text{described in Section 22.2} \quad (\text{RSKbij})$$

The *weight* of a matrix $A = (a_{ij})$ in $M_{n \times m}(\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0})$ is

$$\text{wt}(A) = \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^m (x_i y_j)^{a_{ij}}.$$

The *Schur function indexed by λ in the variables $x_1, \dots, x_n$* is

$$s_{\lambda}(x) = s_{\lambda}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{P \in B_n(\lambda)} x^{\text{wt}(P)} = \sum_{P \in B_n(\lambda)} x_1^{\# \text{ 1s in } P} \dots x_n^{\# \text{ ns in } P}.$$

If $\ell(\lambda) > n$ then $s_{\lambda}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0$. The *Schur function indexed by λ in the variables $y_1, \dots, y_m$* is

$$s_{\lambda}(y) = s_{\lambda}(y_1, \dots, y_m) = \sum_{Q \in B_m(\lambda)} y^{\text{wt}(Q)} = \sum_{Q \in B_m(\lambda)} y_1^{\# \text{ 1s in } Q} \dots y_m^{\# \text{ ms in } Q}.$$

Corollary 22.1. (*Cauchy identity*)

$$\prod_{j=1}^n \prod_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{1 - x_i y_j} = \sum_{\lambda} s_{\lambda}(x_1, \dots, x_n) s_{\lambda}(y_1, \dots, y_m).$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^m \frac{1}{1 - x_i y_j} &= \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^m (1 + x_i y_j + (x_i y_j)^2 + (x_i y_j)^3 + \dots) = \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^m \sum_{a_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}} (x_i y_j)^{a_{ij}} \\ &= \sum_{A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0})} \left(\prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^m (x_i y_j)^{a_{ij}} \right) = \sum_{A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0})} \text{wt}(A) = \sum_{\lambda} x^{\text{wt}(P)} y^{\text{wt}(Q)} \\ &= \sum_{\lambda} s_{\lambda}(x_1, \dots, x_n) s_{\lambda}(y_1, \dots, y_m), \end{aligned}$$

where the next to last equality is by the RSK correspondence. $\square$

Restriction to matrices with column sums $(1, 1, \dots, 1)$. Suppose that λ is a partition with m boxes. Then

$$\hat{S}_m^{\lambda} = \{\text{standard tableaux } Q \text{ of shape } \lambda\} = \{Q \in B_m(\lambda) \mid \text{wt}(Q) = (1, 1, \dots, 1)\}.$$

Restricting the RSK correspondence to the set

$$M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0})_{cs=(1, \dots, 1)} = \{A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}) \mid cs(A) = (1, 1, \dots, 1)\}$$

gives a bijection

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M_{n \times m}(\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0})_{cs=(1, \dots, 1)} & \longleftrightarrow & \bigsqcup_{\lambda} B_n(\lambda) \otimes \hat{S}_m^{\lambda} \\ A & \mapsto & (P, Q) \end{array} \quad (\text{CRSK})$$

and this bijection implies the identity

$$(x_1 + \dots + x_n)^m = \sum_{\lambda \in \mathbb{Y}_m} s_{\lambda}(x_1, \dots, x_n) f_{\lambda}, \quad (\text{CCI})$$

where f_{λ} is the number of standard tableaux of shape λ .

Restriction to permutation matrices. Suppose that $m = n$. Restricting the RSK correspondence to the set of matrices with row sums $(1, 1, \dots, 1)$ and with column sums $(1, 1, \dots, 1)$,

$$\begin{aligned} M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0})_{rs=cs=(1, \dots, 1)} &= \{A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}) \mid cs(A) = rs(A) = (1, 1, \dots, 1)\} \\ &= \{n \times n \text{ permutation matrices}\} = S_n, \end{aligned}$$

gives a bijection

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S_n & \longleftrightarrow & \bigsqcup_{\lambda \in \mathbb{Y}_n} \hat{S}_n^{\lambda} \otimes \hat{S}_n^{\lambda} \\ A & \mapsto & (P, Q) \end{array} \quad (\text{RCRSK})$$

and this bijection implies the identity

$$n! = \sum_{\lambda \in \mathbb{Y}_n} f_{\lambda}^2, \quad (\text{RCCI})$$

where f_{λ} is the number of standard tableaux of shape λ .

22.2 The RSK procedure

Identify a SSYT with a tensor product of columns so that, for example,

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 2 & 4 & 6 & 6 \\ \hline 3 & 3 & 4 & 5 & & \\ \hline 4 & 6 & 6 & & & \\ \hline 6 & & & & & \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 1 \\ \hline 3 \\ \hline 4 \\ \hline 6 \\ \hline \end{array} \otimes \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 2 \\ \hline 3 \\ \hline 6 \\ \hline \end{array} \otimes \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 2 \\ \hline 4 \\ \hline 6 \\ \hline \end{array} \otimes \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 4 \\ \hline 5 \\ \hline \end{array} \otimes \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 6 \\ \hline \end{array} \otimes \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 6 \\ \hline \end{array}.$$

Similarly, a pair of SSYT is a tensor product of pairs of column tableaux,

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 9 \\ \hline 2 & 3 & 7 & 7 & \\ \hline 3 & 8 & 8 & & \\ \hline 7 & & & & \\ \hline \end{array}, \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 2 & 4 & 6 \\ \hline 3 & 3 & 4 & 5 & \\ \hline 4 & 6 & 6 & & \\ \hline 6 & & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \right) &= \left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline 1 \\ \hline 2 \\ \hline 3 \\ \hline 7 \\ \hline \end{array} \otimes \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 1 \\ \hline 3 \\ \hline 8 \\ \hline \end{array} \otimes \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 1 \\ \hline 7 \\ \hline 8 \\ \hline \end{array} \otimes \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 2 \\ \hline 7 \\ \hline \end{array} \otimes \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 9 \\ \hline \end{array} \otimes \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 6 \\ \hline \end{array}, \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 1 \\ \hline 3 \\ \hline 4 \\ \hline 6 \\ \hline \end{array} \otimes \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 2 \\ \hline 3 \\ \hline 6 \\ \hline \end{array} \otimes \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 2 \\ \hline 4 \\ \hline 6 \\ \hline \end{array} \otimes \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 4 \\ \hline 5 \\ \hline \end{array} \otimes \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 6 \\ \hline \end{array} \otimes \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 6 \\ \hline \end{array} \right) \\ &= \left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline 1 \\ \hline 2 \\ \hline 3 \\ \hline 7 \\ \hline \end{array}, \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 1 \\ \hline 3 \\ \hline 4 \\ \hline 6 \\ \hline \end{array} \right) \otimes \left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline 1 \\ \hline 3 \\ \hline 8 \\ \hline \end{array}, \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 2 \\ \hline 3 \\ \hline 6 \\ \hline \end{array} \right) \otimes \left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline 1 \\ \hline 7 \\ \hline 8 \\ \hline \end{array}, \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 2 \\ \hline 4 \\ \hline 6 \\ \hline \end{array} \right) \otimes \left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline 2 \\ \hline 7 \\ \hline \end{array}, \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 4 \\ \hline 5 \\ \hline \end{array} \right) \otimes \left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline 9 \\ \hline \end{array}, \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 6 \\ \hline \end{array} \right) \otimes \left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline 6 \\ \hline \end{array}, \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 6 \\ \hline \end{array} \right) \quad (\text{RSKa}) \end{aligned}$$

Finally, it is often convenient to identify a tensor product of pairs of single box tableaux as a two-line array:

$$(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline 3 \\ \hline \end{array}, \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 6 \\ \hline \end{array}) \otimes (\begin{array}{|c|} \hline 3 \\ \hline \end{array}, \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 6 \\ \hline \end{array}) \otimes (\begin{array}{|c|} \hline 7 \\ \hline \end{array}, \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 6 \\ \hline \end{array}) \otimes (\begin{array}{|c|} \hline 8 \\ \hline \end{array}, \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 6 \\ \hline \end{array}) \otimes (\begin{array}{|c|} \hline 3 \\ \hline \end{array}, \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 5 \\ \hline \end{array}) = \left(\begin{array}{ccccc} \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 6 \\ \hline \end{array} & \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 6 \\ \hline \end{array} & \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 6 \\ \hline \end{array} & \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 6 \\ \hline \end{array} & \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 5 \\ \hline \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 3 \\ \hline \end{array} & \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 3 \\ \hline \end{array} & \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 7 \\ \hline \end{array} & \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 8 \\ \hline \end{array} & \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 3 \\ \hline \end{array} \end{array} \right).$$

Identify a matrix $A = (a_{ij})$ as a two-line array by reading the entries of A in chinese reading order (vertically down columns, with columns taken right to left) with the pair $\begin{pmatrix} \boxed{j} \\ \boxed{i} \end{pmatrix}$ repeated a_{ij} times.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \left(\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccc} \boxed{6} & \boxed{6} & \boxed{6} & \boxed{6} & \boxed{6} & \boxed{5} & \boxed{4} & \boxed{4} & \boxed{4} & \boxed{3} & \boxed{3} & \boxed{2} & \boxed{2} & \boxed{1} \\ \boxed{3} & \boxed{3} & \boxed{7} & \boxed{8} & \boxed{8} & \boxed{3} & \boxed{1} & \boxed{7} & \boxed{7} & \boxed{2} & \boxed{9} & \boxed{1} & \boxed{1} & \boxed{2} \end{array} \right)$$

22.2.1 Generators of the RSK correspondence

Assume $0 = p_0 < p_1 < \dots < p_k \leq n$ and $0 = q_0 < q_1 < \dots < q_k \leq m$. Let $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ and $j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$. The RSK correspondence is generated by the following identifications:

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \boxed{i} \\ \boxed{j} \end{array} \right) \otimes \left(\begin{array}{c} p_1 \\ p_2 \\ \vdots \\ p_k \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} q_1 \\ q_2 \\ \vdots \\ q_k \end{array} \right) = \left(\begin{array}{c} p_1 \\ p_2 \\ \vdots \\ p_{\ell-1} \\ i \\ p_{\ell+1} \\ \vdots \\ p_k \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} q_1 \\ q_2 \\ \vdots \\ q_{\ell-1} \\ q_{\ell} \\ q_{\ell+1} \\ \vdots \\ q_k \end{array} \right) \otimes \left(\begin{array}{c} p_{\ell} \\ \boxed{j} \end{array} \right) \quad \text{if } p_{\ell-1} < i \leq p_{\ell},$$

$$\text{and } \left(\begin{array}{c} \boxed{i} \\ \boxed{j} \end{array} \right) \otimes \left(\begin{array}{c} p_1 \\ p_2 \\ \vdots \\ p_k \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} q_1 \\ q_2 \\ \vdots \\ q_k \end{array} \right) = \left(\begin{array}{c} p_1 \\ p_2 \\ \vdots \\ p_k \\ i \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} q_1 \\ q_2 \\ \vdots \\ q_k \\ j \end{array} \right) \quad \text{if } p_{\ell} < i. \quad (\text{RSKgen})$$

To give an example, applying the steps in **(RSKgen)** to move the pair $([3], [6])$ past the pair of SSYT's given in **(RSKa)** gives

$$\begin{aligned}
 ([3], [6]) \otimes \left(\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 9 \\ \hline 2 & 3 & 7 & 7 & \\ \hline 3 & 8 & 8 & & \\ \hline 7 & & & & \\ \hline \end{array}, \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 2 & 4 & 6 \\ \hline 3 & 3 & 4 & 5 & \\ \hline 4 & 6 & 6 & & \\ \hline 6 & & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \right) &= ([3], [6]) \otimes \left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline 1 \\ \hline 2 \\ \hline 3 \\ \hline 7 \\ \hline \end{array}, \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 1 \\ \hline 3 \\ \hline 4 \\ \hline 6 \\ \hline \end{array} \right) \otimes \left(\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 2 & 9 & \\ \hline 3 & 7 & 7 & & \\ \hline 8 & 8 & & & \\ \hline & & & & \\ \hline \end{array}, \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 2 & 2 & 4 & 6 & \\ \hline 3 & 4 & 5 & & \\ \hline 6 & 6 & & & \\ \hline & & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \right) \\
 &= \left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline 1 \\ \hline 2 \\ \hline 3 \\ \hline 7 \\ \hline \end{array}, \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 1 \\ \hline 3 \\ \hline 4 \\ \hline 6 \\ \hline \end{array} \right) \otimes ([3], [6]) \otimes \left(\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 2 & 9 & \\ \hline 3 & 7 & 7 & & \\ \hline 8 & 8 & & & \\ \hline & & & & \\ \hline \end{array}, \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 2 & 2 & 4 & 6 & \\ \hline 3 & 4 & 5 & & \\ \hline 6 & 6 & & & \\ \hline & & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \right) = \left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline 1 \\ \hline 2 \\ \hline 3 \\ \hline 7 \\ \hline \end{array}, \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 1 \\ \hline 2 \\ \hline 3 \\ \hline 8 \\ \hline 7 \\ \hline \end{array} \right) \otimes ([3], [6]) \otimes \left(\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 9 & & \\ \hline 7 & 7 & & & \\ \hline 8 & & & & \\ \hline & & & & \\ \hline \end{array}, \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 2 & 4 & 6 & & \\ \hline 4 & 5 & & & \\ \hline 6 & & & & \\ \hline & & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \right) \\
 &= \left(\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 7 \\ \hline 2 & 3 & 3 & & \\ \hline 3 & 8 & 8 & & \\ \hline 7 & & & & \\ \hline \end{array}, \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 2 & & \\ \hline 3 & 3 & 4 & & \\ \hline 4 & 6 & 6 & & \\ \hline 6 & & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \right) \otimes ([7], [6]) \otimes \left(\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 2 & 9 \\ \hline 7 & 5 \\ \hline \end{array}, \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 4 & 6 \\ \hline 5 & & \\ \hline \end{array} \right) = \left(\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 7 \\ \hline 2 & 3 & 3 & 7 & \\ \hline 3 & 8 & 8 & & \\ \hline 7 & & & & \\ \hline \end{array}, \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 2 & 4 & 4 \\ \hline 3 & 3 & 4 & 5 & \\ \hline 4 & 6 & 6 & & \\ \hline 6 & & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \right) \otimes ([7], [6]) \otimes ([9], [6]) \\
 &= \left(\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 7 & 9 \\ \hline 2 & 3 & 3 & 7 & & \\ \hline 3 & 8 & 8 & & & \\ \hline 7 & & & & & \\ \hline \end{array}, \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 2 & 4 & 6 & 6 \\ \hline 3 & 3 & 4 & 5 & & \\ \hline 4 & 6 & 6 & & & \\ \hline 6 & & & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \right) \otimes ([9], [6]) = \left(\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 7 & 9 & \\ \hline 2 & 3 & 3 & 7 & & & \\ \hline 3 & 8 & 8 & & & & \\ \hline 7 & & & & & & \\ \hline \end{array}, \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 2 & 4 & 6 & 6 & 6 \\ \hline 3 & 3 & 4 & 5 & & & \\ \hline 4 & 6 & 6 & & & & \\ \hline 6 & & & & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \right). \quad (\text{RSKSTEP})
 \end{aligned}$$

At each step the ‘inserted entry’ is marked in **red**. The equality **(RSKSTEP)** is the first step in the example of the RSK correspondence given in Example **22.1**. This example in Example **22.1** is displayed in ‘reverse’, from the pair of SSYT's to the nonnegative integer matrix, to illustrate that the steps can be reversed, which is what gives that the RSK correspondence is a bijection. At each equality the ‘bumping sequence’ is indicated in red in analogy with the example in **(RSKSTEP)**. The result of Example **22.1** is that

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left(\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 7 & 9 \\ \hline 2 & 3 & 3 & 7 & & \\ \hline 3 & 8 & 8 & & & \\ \hline 7 & & & & & \\ \hline \end{array}, \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 4 & 6 \\ \hline 3 & 3 & 4 & 5 & & \\ \hline 4 & 6 & 6 & & & \\ \hline 6 & & & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \right) \\
 &= \left(\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccc} [6] & [6] & [6] & [6] & [6] & [5] & [4] & [4] & [4] & [3] & [3] & [2] & [2] & [1] \\ [3] & [3] & [7] & [8] & [8] & [3] & [1] & [7] & [7] & [2] & [9] & [1] & [1] & [2] \end{array} \right) \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{a matrix in } M_{9 \times 6}(\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0})
 \end{aligned}$$

with weight

$$x_1^3 x_2^2 x_3^3 x_7^2 x_8^2 x_9 \cdot y_1^3 y_2 y_3^2 y_4^3 y_5 y_6^4 = (x_1 y_2)^2 (x_1 y_4) (x_2 y_1) x_2 y_3 (x_3 y_5) (x_3 y_6)^2 (x_7 y_4)^2 (x_7 y_6) (x_8 y_6)^2 (x_9 y_3).$$

Example 22.1.

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22.3 Pieri rules

Recall that $\tilde{q}_r = \tilde{q}_r(x; t, u)$ is defined by the generating function

$$\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1 - tx_i z}{1 - ux_i z} = \sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}} \tilde{q}_r z^r.$$

and that

$$h_r(x) = \tilde{q}_r(x; 0, 1), \quad e_r(x) = \tilde{q}_r(x; -1, 0), \quad p_r(x) = \left(\frac{1}{u-t} \tilde{q}_r(x; t, u) \right) \Big|_{t=u}. \quad (\text{utspec})$$

Expanding, factor by factor, the product

$$\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1 - tx_i z}{1 - ux_i z} = \left(\frac{1}{1 - ux_1 z} \right) \cdots \left(\frac{1}{1 - ux_n z} \right) (1 - tx_n z) \cdots (1 - tx_1 z)$$

gives

$$\tilde{q}_r(x; t, u) = \sum_{i_1 \leq i_2 \leq \cdots \leq i_k > i_{k+1} > \cdots > i_r} u^{k-1} (-t)^{r-k} x_{i_1} \cdots x_{i_k} x_{i_{k+1}} \cdots x_{i_r}. \quad (\text{tildeeqincdecB})$$

FIGURE OUT THE CLEAN WAY TO DEAL WITH THE $(u - t)$ factor.

- A *vertical strip* is a skew shape λ/μ which has at most one box in each row.
- A *horizontal strip* is a skew shape λ/μ which has at most one box in each column.
- A *border strip* is a skew shape λ/μ which has at most one box in each diagonal.
- A *connected border strip* is a border strip λ/μ such that ??

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Theorem 22.2. (*Pieri rules*) Let μ be a partition. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{q}_r s_\mu &= \sum_{\lambda/\mu \text{ bbs length } r} (-t)^{\text{ht}(\lambda/\mu) - \ell(\mu)} q^{\#\text{cols}(\lambda/\mu) - \ell(\mu)} s_\lambda && \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{sum over vertical horizontal} \\ \text{strips } \lambda/\mu \text{ of length } r \end{array} \right) \\ h_r s_\mu &= \sum_{\lambda/\mu \text{ hs length } r} s_\lambda && (\text{sum over horizontal strips } \lambda/\mu \text{ of length } r) \\ e_r s_\mu &= \sum_{\lambda/\mu \text{ vs length } r} s_\lambda && (\text{sum over vertical strips } \lambda/\mu \text{ of length } r) \\ p_r s_\mu &= \sum_{\lambda/\mu \text{ bs length } r} (-1)^{\text{ht}(\lambda/\mu)} s_\lambda && (\text{sum over connected border strips } \lambda/\mu \text{ of length } r) \end{aligned}$$

Proof idea. Let

$$UD_r = \left\{ \text{sequences } (i_r, \dots, i_1) \mid \begin{array}{l} i_1, \dots, i_r \in \{1, \dots, n\} \text{ and} \\ i_r \leq \cdots \leq i_{k+1} > i_k > \cdots > i_1 \end{array} \right\}.$$

Then RSK insertion gives a bijection

$$\begin{aligned} U_r(k) \times B_n(\mu) &\longleftrightarrow \bigsqcup_{\lambda/\mu \text{ vhs length } r} B_n(\lambda) \\ ((i_r, \dots, i_1), P) &\longmapsto Q \end{aligned}$$

which results in the identity

$$\tilde{q}_r(x; t, u) s_\mu(x) = \sum_{\lambda/\mu \text{ vhs length } r} u^{\#\text{cols}(\lambda/\mu)-1} (-t)^{\#\text{rows}(\lambda/\mu)-1} s_\lambda(x).$$

The other identities are obtained from this one by specializing t and u as in utspec. □

22.4 Character tables and Kostka numbers

Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ and let λ, μ be partitions of n .

Let λ' denote the conjugate partition to λ .

Define

$$\chi_{t,u}^\lambda(\mu) = \sum_{Q \in \hat{S}_n^\lambda} \text{rwt}_{t,u}^\mu(Q), \quad \text{where } \hat{S}_n^\lambda = \{\text{standard tableaux } Q \text{ of shape } \lambda\}$$

and

$$\text{rwt}_{t,u}^\mu(Q) = \prod_{\substack{j \in Q \\ j \notin J(\mu)}} f_\mu(j; Q), \quad \text{with } J(\mu) = \{\mu_1, \mu + \mu_2, \dots, \mu_1 + \dots + \mu_\ell\}$$

and

$$f_\mu(j; Q) = \begin{cases} -t, & \text{if } j+1 \text{ is sw of } j \text{ in } Q, \\ 0, & \text{if } j+1 \notin J(\mu) \text{ and} \\ & j+1 \text{ is ne of } j \text{ in } Q \text{ and} \\ & j+2 \text{ is sw of } j+1 \text{ in } Q, \\ u, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{pictorially the} \\ \text{three cases} \\ \text{are} \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \boxed{j} \\ \boxed{j+1} \\ \boxed{j} \quad \boxed{j+1} \\ \boxed{j+2} \\ \boxed{j} \quad \boxed{j+1} \end{array} \right\} \right)$$

where

a box (r, c) is southwest (sw) of a box (a, b) if $r > a$ and $c \leq b$, and

a box (r, c) is northeast (ne) of a box (a, b) if $r \leq a$ and $c > b$.

Define

$$\chi_{H_n}^\lambda(\mu) = \chi_{q,1}^\lambda(\mu), \quad \chi_{\hat{S}_n}^\lambda(\mu) = \chi_{1,1}^\lambda(\mu) \quad K_{\lambda\mu} = \chi_{1,0}(\mu), \quad K_{\lambda'\mu'} = \chi_{0,-1}(\mu).$$

Corollary 22.3. *Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ and let μ be a partition of n . Then*

$$\tilde{q}_\mu(x; u, t) = \sum_{\lambda \in \mathbb{Y}_n} \chi_{u,t}^\lambda(\mu) s_\lambda(x), \quad \tilde{q}_\mu(q, 1) = \sum_{\lambda \in \mathbb{Y}_n} \chi_{H_n}^\lambda(\mu) s_\lambda, \quad p_\mu = \sum_{\lambda \in \mathbb{Y}_n} \chi_{\hat{S}_n}^\lambda(\mu) s_\lambda,$$

$$h_\mu = \sum_{\lambda \in \mathbb{Y}_n} K_{\lambda\mu} s_\lambda, \quad \text{and} \quad e_\mu = \sum_{\lambda \in \mathbb{Y}_n} K_{\lambda'\mu'} s_\lambda.$$

Since a SSYT is a sequence of horizontal strips then

$$K_{\lambda\mu} = \text{Card}(B(\lambda)_\mu) = \chi_{1,0}^\lambda(\mu)$$

so that $K_{\lambda\mu}$ is the number of SSYT of shape λ and weight μ . The matrices

$$\chi_{S_n} = (\chi_{S_n}^\lambda(\mu))_{\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{Y}_n} \quad \text{and} \quad \chi_{H_n(q)} = (\chi_{H_n(q)}^\lambda(\mu))_{\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{Y}_n}$$

are the *character tables of the symmetric group and the Hecke algebra*, respectively.

Examples: The sets of standard tableaux for partitions with ≤ 4 boxes are:

$$\begin{aligned} S_1^\square &= \{\boxed{1}\}, & S_2^{\square\square} &= \{\boxed{12}\}, & S_2^{\begin{smallmatrix} \square \\ \square \end{smallmatrix}} &= \{\begin{smallmatrix} \boxed{1} \\ \boxed{2} \end{smallmatrix}\}, \\ S_3^{\square\square\square} &= \{\boxed{123}\}, & S_3^{\begin{smallmatrix} \square & \square \\ \square \end{smallmatrix}} &= \{\begin{smallmatrix} \boxed{12} & \boxed{13} \\ \boxed{3} & \boxed{2} \end{smallmatrix}\}, & S_3^{\begin{smallmatrix} \square \\ \square \\ \square \end{smallmatrix}} &= \{\begin{smallmatrix} \boxed{1} \\ \boxed{2} \\ \boxed{3} \end{smallmatrix}\}, \\ S_4^{\square\square\square\square} &= \{\boxed{1234}\}, & S_4^{\begin{smallmatrix} \square & \square & \square \\ \square \end{smallmatrix}} &= \{\begin{smallmatrix} \boxed{123} & \boxed{124} & \boxed{134} \\ \boxed{4} & \boxed{3} & \boxed{2} \end{smallmatrix}\}, & S_4^{\begin{smallmatrix} \square & \square \\ \square & \square \end{smallmatrix}} &= \{\begin{smallmatrix} \boxed{12} & \boxed{13} \\ \boxed{34} & \boxed{24} \end{smallmatrix}\}, \\ S_4^{\begin{smallmatrix} \square & \square \\ \square \\ \square \end{smallmatrix}} &= \{\begin{smallmatrix} \boxed{12} & \boxed{13} & \boxed{14} \\ \boxed{3} & \boxed{2} & \boxed{2} \\ \boxed{4} & \boxed{4} & \boxed{3} \end{smallmatrix}\}, & S_4^{\begin{smallmatrix} \square \\ \square \\ \square \\ \square \end{smallmatrix}} &= \{\begin{smallmatrix} \boxed{1} \\ \boxed{2} \\ \boxed{3} \\ \boxed{4} \end{smallmatrix}\}, \end{aligned}$$

The matrices $\chi_{u,t}$ for $n \in \{2, 3, 4\}$ are

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_{u,t} &= \begin{array}{c|cc} \lambda/\mu & (2) & (1^2) \\ \hline (2) & u & 1 \\ (1^2) & -t & 1 \end{array} & \chi_{u,t} &= \begin{array}{c|ccc} \lambda/\mu & (3) & (21) & (1^3) \\ \hline (3) & u^2 & u & 1 \\ (21) & 0 + u(-t) & u + (-t) & 1 + 1 \\ (1^3) & (-t)^2 & -t & 1 \end{array} \\ \\ \chi_{u,t} &= \begin{array}{c|ccccc} \lambda/\mu & (4) & (31) & (22) & (21^2) & (1^4) \\ \hline (4) & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ (31) & 0 + 0 + (-t) & 0 + (-t) + 1 & (-t) + 1 + (-t) & (-t) + 1 + 1 & 1 + 1 + 1 \\ (22) & 0 + 0 & 0 + (-t) & (-t)^2 + 1 & (-t) + 1 & 1 + 1 \\ (21^2) & 0 + 0 + (-t)^2 & (-t)^2 + 0 + (-t) & (-t) + (-t)^2 + (-t) & (-t) + (-t) + 1 & 1 + 1 + 1 \\ (1^4) & (-t)^3 & (-t)^2 & (-t)^2 & (-t) & 1 \end{array} \end{aligned}$$

The matrices K for $n \in \{2, 3, 4\}$ are

$$\begin{aligned} K = K(0, 1) &= \begin{array}{c|cc} \lambda \backslash \mu & (2) & (1^2) \\ \hline (2) & 1 & 1 \\ (1^2) & 0 & 1 \end{array} & K = K(0, 1) &= \begin{array}{c|ccc} \lambda \backslash \mu & (3) & (21) & (1^3) \\ \hline (3) & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ (21) & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ (1^3) & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \\ \\ K = K(0, 1) &= \begin{array}{c|ccccc} \mu/\lambda & (4) & (31) & (22) & (21^2) & (1^4) \\ \hline (4) & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ (31) & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ (22) & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ (21^2) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ (1^4) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \end{aligned}$$

Example 22.2. *The following is an example of the RSK insertion used in the proof of Theorem 22.2*

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giving

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccccccccccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 7 & 7 & 7 & 7 & 9 \\ 2 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 8 & & & & & & \\ 3 & 5 & 5 & 6 & 8 & & & & & & & \\ 4 & & & & & & & & & & & \\ 5 & & & & & & & & & & & \\ 7 & & & & & & & & & & & \end{array} , \begin{array}{cccccccccccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 15 & 22 & 23 & 24 & 25 & 26 & 27 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 16 & 21 & & & & & & & \\ 11 & 12 & 13 & 17 & 20 & & & & & & & & \\ 14 & & & & & & & & & & & & \\ 18 & & & & & & & & & & & & \\ 19 & & & & & & & & & & & & \end{array} \right)$$

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Example 22.3. The following is an example of the RSK insertion used in the proof of Theorem [22.2](#).

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\begin{array}{cccccccccccc} 13 & 12 & 11 & 10 & 9 & 8 & 7 & 6 & 5 & 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & 5 & 5 & 5 & 7 & 7 & 7 & 6 & 4 & 3 & 1 \end{array} \right) \\ &= \left(\begin{array}{cccccccc} 13 & 12 & 11 & 10 & 9 & 8 & 7 & 6 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & 5 & 5 & 5 & 7 & 7 \end{array} \right) \otimes \left(\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \\ 6 & 4 \\ 7 & 5 \end{array} \right) \\ &= \left(\begin{array}{cccccccc} 1 & 1 & 3 & 3 & 5 & 5 & 7 & 7 \\ 3 & & & & & & & \\ 4 & & & & & & & \\ 6 & & & & & & & \\ 7 & & & & & & & \end{array} , \begin{array}{cccccccc} 1 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 13 \\ 2 & & & & & & & & \\ 3 & & & & & & & & \\ 4 & & & & & & & & \\ 5 & & & & & & & & \end{array} \right) \end{aligned}$$

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